

Table 1. Percentage distribution of low-income women aged 18–34 and at risk of unintended pregnancy, by selected characteristics, according to race and ethnicity, 1995, AGI Survey of Low-Income Women

Characteristic	Total (N=1,852)	White (N=454)	Black (N=451)	Hispanic		
				Total (N=947)	English- speaking (N=364)	Spanish- speaking (N=583)
% distribution†	100.0	62.8	20.1	17.0	6.9	10.1
PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS						
Age						
18–19	15.1	13.6	24.2	10.1	17.4	5.2
20–24	38.7	41.6	33.1	34.4	43.9	27.9
25–29	26.1	26.7	22.5	27.8	21.4	32.3
30–34	20.1	18.0	20.2	27.6	17.3	34.6
Education						
<high school	20.8	14.2	17.8	48.6	25.5	64.5
High school diploma‡	38.6	39.8	42.2	29.9	42.6	21.2
Some college/college grad	40.6	46.0	39.9	21.5	31.9	14.3
School/employment status						
In school§	27.8	26.8	39.0	18.3	32.7	8.4
Working	40.7	44.5	37.5	30.6	34.2	28.1
At home	31.5	28.7	23.5	51.1	33.2	63.5
Religion						
Roman Catholic	25.1	15.9	11.2	75.4	73.4	76.8
Fundamentalist Protestant	26.4	26.7	39.9	9.4	8.5	10.0
Other Protestant	23.1	26.8	28.5	3.3	5.5	1.8
Other/none/don't know	25.3	30.6	20.4	11.9	12.6	11.4
Medical coverage						
Private insurance	40.1	47.8	36.7	16.1	24.2	10.5
Medicaid/public	30.4	22.8	48.3	37.3	43.2	33.2
No coverage	29.5	29.4	15.1	46.6	32.6	56.3
RELATIONSHIP CHARACTERISTICS						
Marital status						
Married	43.3	49.0	17.6	52.9	40.6	61.3
Cohabiting	13.9	13.6	12.6	16.4	15.8	16.8
Divorced/separated/widowed	9.3	9.2	9.2	9.6	8.8	10.1
Never married	33.5	28.2	60.7	21.1	34.8	11.7
Length of time with partner						
No steady partner	14.8	13.0	21.0	13.9	19.6	10.0
<1 year	14.9	15.1	15.5	13.7	17.6	11.0
1–2 years	24.4	26.0	25.2	17.3	18.4	16.6
≥3 years	45.9	45.9	38.3	55.1	44.3	62.4
Frequency of sex††						
Frequent	48.2	48.4	38.3	59.1	49.3	65.7
Moderate	29.0	31.2	28.1	21.9	24.4	20.2
Infrequent	20.0	17.8	29.8	16.4	23.5	11.5
No answer	2.8	2.5	3.8	2.6	2.7	2.6
CHILDBEARING CHARACTERISTICS						
Parity						
0	33.8	39.4	28.4	19.5	31.2	11.4
1–2	52.5	50.9	54.0	56.5	49.9	61.0
≥3	13.7	9.7	17.6	24.1	18.9	27.6
Future childbearing						
Want more	59.4	64.2	48.1	55.1	61.0	51.1
Want no more	32.3	27.3	46.1	34.3	30.1	37.2
Don't know	8.3	8.5	5.8	10.5	8.9	11.7
Feelings if pregnant now						
Very unhappy	20.8	18.6	33.6	14.3	18.5	11.2
A little unhappy	22.2	22.0	26.6	17.8	23.1	14.4
Don't care	16.4	17.9	16.0	11.4	10.8	11.8
A little glad	20.9	21.9	15.2	23.8	21.5	25.7
Very glad	19.7	19.6	8.7	32.7	26.2	36.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

†Weighted. ‡Includes respondents who received the General Educational Development (GED) high school equivalency certificate. §Includes respondents who were both in school and working. ††Frequent is two times per week or more; moderate is once per week, on average, or a few times per month; and infrequent is once per month or less. Note: Percentages may not sum to 100.0% because of rounding.